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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COVERAGE OF SADAT US VISIT

SMMMARY: LOCAL PRESS NOV 4 CONTINUES BANNER-HEADLINE AND FRONT-PAGE-PHOTO TREATMENT OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO US, ALTHOUGH CONTENT OF ARTICLES RATHER THIN, AS PAPERS LOOK FORWARD TO SADAT ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS AND FINAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD NOV 5. GUMHURIYYA HEADLINES, YET AGAIN,IMMINENT SIGNING OF ATOMIC ENERGY ACCORD BETWEEN US AND EGYPT. AHAM STRESSES SADAT'S PLEDGE TO PRES FORD THAT EGYPT COMMITTED TO PEACEFUL ME SOLUTION AND CONCENTRATION ON REBUILDING OF COUNTRY. END SUMMARY

1. ONLY NEW ITEM ON SUBJECT OF TWO NUCLEAR REACTORS FOR EGYPT IS AHAM ASSERTION, ATTRIBUTED TO UNNAMED "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCE", THAT DISCUSSIONS STILL UNDER WAY BETWEEN USG AND GOE CONCERNING "RIGHT" OF EGYPT TO USE NUCLEAR REACTORS TO CREATE CLEAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS TO DIG CANAL TO QATTAR DEPRESSION (SIC). AHAM SOURCE, SAID TO BE SENIOR OFFICIAL, COMMENTED THAT ANY CONSTRUCTION OF QATTARA CANAL WOULD BE 5-7 YEARS IN FUTURE, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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PRELIMINARY STUDIES WOULD BEGIN UPON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF

EGYPTIAN REACTORS.

2. ALL PAPERS QUOTE STATEMENTS BY DEP PRIMIN/FON FAHMY THAT US AID TO EGYPT WILL ACCOUNT TO DOLS 750 MILLION AND DOLS 250 MILLION IN SURPLUS COMMODITIES. FAHMY ALSO ASSERTED THAT EGYPT WILL NOT FINANCE NUCLEAR REACTORS FROM US MONETARY ASSISTANCE, BUT RATHER WILL PUT DOLS 750 MILLION INTO UPCOMING FIVE-YEAR INDUSTRIALIZATION PLAN. AHARAM ALSO CITES FAHMY COMMENT THAT PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF SADAT US VISIT HAD BEEN TO PLACE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN BEST WAY POSSIBLE BEFORE US OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC.

3. DAILIES CONTAIN SOME SPECULATION CONCERNING JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED NOV 5 AT END OF VISIT. CONSENSUS APPEARS THAT FIRST SECTION OF COMMUNIQUE TO DEAL WITH ME PEACE EFFORTS, SECOND SECTION WITH BILATERAL US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS; AND THIRD SECTION TO CONTAIN INVITATION FOR PRES FORD TO VISIT EGYPT IN 1976. EARLY GUMHURIYYA EDITIONS SPECULATED THAT COMMUNIQUE WOULD OUTLINE SPECIFIC STEPS FOR DISENGAGEMENT ON GOLAN AND WOULD REAFFIRM THAT NO FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ME PROBLEM COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF PALESTINIANS, BUT THESE DETAILS OMITTED FROM FINAL EDITION.

4. SADAT'S FORTHCOMING SPEECH BEFORE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS GIVEN PARTICULAR PROMINENCE IN AHARAM; SAID TO STRESS THEMES OF PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN EFFORTS FOR JUST ME PEACE, NECESSITY FOR BALANCED US POLICY IN ME, AND DEVELOPMENT AND DEEPENING OF US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. MUSA SABRI, EDITOR OF AKHBAR, COMMENTS THAT SADAT SPENDING EXTRA NIGHT IN JACKSONVILLE, RATHER THAN FLYING TO CAMP DAVID ON EVE OF CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCE, IN ORDER TO WORK ON SPEECH FOR JOINT SESSION AND PUT FINAL TOUCHES ON JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

5. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN AHARAM AND AKHBAR STRESSES CONTRIBUTION OF SADAT TO INCREASING WORLD PERCEPTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. GUMHURIYYA, NOTING ISRAELI ADMISSION THAT SADAT HAS MADE GAINS IN US, SPECULATES THAT ZIONISTS WILL MOVE TO SABOTAGE NEW US-EGYPTIAN ENTENTE, REMINDING READERS THAT PRES NIXON HAD JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT TO EGYPT WHEN HE FORCED TO RESIGN.

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